in a solvent selected from N,N-dimethylformamide, ~~or~~ dimethyl acetals of lower aliphatic aldehydes, dimethyl ketals of lower aliphatic ketones and 1, 2-dialkoxyethane ~~and ketones~~ with tertiary butylamine and crystallization of the erbumine salt thus obtained by heating the reaction mixture to reflux, filtering hot to remove any insoluble or suspended matter, cooling to 20°C to 30°C and further cooling to 0° C to 15° C for 30 minutes to 1 hour and finally filtering off and drying the crystals.

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Replace the Paragraph at Page 28, lines ~~8~~ 7-10 with:

Perindopril prepared by any of the methods mentioned hereinabove was converted to perindopril erbumine (II) and crystallized from N,N-dimethylformamide, ~~or~~ dimethyl acetals of lower aliphatic aldehydes, dimethyl ketals of lower aliphatic ketones and 1, 2- dialkoxyethane ~~and ketones~~ selected from dimethoxymethane, 1,2-dimethoxyethane and 2,2-dimethoxypropane as detailed hereinbelow.

Replace the Paragraph at Page 40, lines 12-19:

The above results clearly reveal that perindopril (I) prepared by any method and converted to perindopril erbumine (II) in a solvent selected from N,N-dimethylformamide and dimethyl acetals of lower aliphatic aldehydes, dimethyl ketals of lower aliphatic ketones and 1, 2- dialkoxyethane ~~or ketones~~ and crystallized from the said solvent(s) gives crystalline perindopril erbumine (II), possessing a X-ray (powder) diffraction pattern, IR spectrum and DSC spectrum identical and/or superimposable with the crystalline form of perindopril erbumine obtained by crystallization from ethyl acetate, as per the method described in US. 4 914 214.

Replace the Paragraph at Page 40, lines 21-26 with: